

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose the following limitations of the applicant's claimed and disclosed invention:

A deflection catheter device that includes a deflectable distal portion having an end thereof, an ablation device disposed within the deflectable distal portion and a guide member, wherein the deflection step includes deflecting the distal portion including the end thereof with respect to the guide member

The combinations of the claimed limitations are novel and found to be allowable over the prior art. The cited reference taken singly or in combination does not anticipate or make obvious the applicant's claimed invention.

Allowable Subject matter

Claims 1, 9, 15, 26-31, 37-41, 46-49, 57-60, 65-68, 73-80 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AMANDA SCOTT whose telephone number is (571)270-7103. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

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